



## **Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Nature & Trails Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Date: 10/20/2021**

**Time: 07:00 PM**

**Location: ZOOM**

### **In Attendance**

Committee Members: Sheri Wantland (chair), Katy Brumbelow, Margaret Hite, Laura Porter, Alison Rhea, Sridevi Kothandapani, James Wright, Sam Scheerens

Board Liaison: none

Staff: Bruce Barbarasch, Cindy Dauer

Guests: none

- I. **Call to Order: @ 07:05 PM**
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Alison made a motion to approve the minutes. Sam seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes for September 2021 were approved.
- III. **Check-In**  
Members shared recent trail experiences and observations
- IV. **Chair updates:**  
Sheri thanked the committee and staff for our efforts during these challenging times.
- V. **Weir at Commonwealth Lake Park**  
Cindy Dauer, grant specialist, gave a presentation in support of a grant request to replace the bridge and weir at the lower end of Commonwealth Lake. Replacing the weir will ensure THPRD retains the ability to regulate water levels in the lake during future seasonal fluctuations. The weir can also help manage wetland and flood waters and prevent erosion and the spread of invasive species. Without replacement, the bridge will eventually become unsafe, requiring closure of a section of the Commonwealth Park trail that goes around the lake. The committee approved a letter of support, to be signed by the chair and included in grant application to Oregon Parks & Recreation.
- VI. **General Discussion**  
The group discussed the importance of climate change and climate adaptation activities for THPRD. They would like to have information about what's happening in Oregon, THPRD planning, and what we can do. Could this be an ongoing topic?
- VII. **Upcoming meetings:**  
November 17, 2021 meeting is cancelled to make time for advisory committee recruitment for 2022. A quorum of committee members agreed to meet December 15. Suggested topics: information on the Integrated Pest Management program at THPRD, summary of committee accomplishments in 2020-21.
- VIII. **Next Meeting will be held on 12/15/21 via zoom at 6:30 pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 07:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Scheerens  
Recording Secretary pro tempore